

"Unapproved" Meeting Minutes

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JULY 11, 2006

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order by Chairman Paul Neves at 6:10 PM, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chair, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk,

Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D,

Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

I. Pledge of Allegiance - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the agenda, without Mr. Costa.

II. Reports of Standing Committees - None.

Mr. Costa's arrival is noted at 6:12 p.m.

III. FY2006-2007 Budget Reconciliation/Update - The Superintendent made introductory remarks regarding a set of contexts for the recommendations. There has been public discussion of needs of the town departments and that discussion has taken on divergent viewpoints. One accomplishment was to create conversations in the community of needs of the school department and awareness of an under funding pattern over years. Dr. Morelle believes facts and evidence was used and will work to differentiate between fact from myth. The committee now needs to find reductions of \$2,594,952 in the original budget proposal. Mr. Thibodeau noted the vote on the budget was not unanimous and felt cuts should have been made before this and there should be give and take between the student and the tax payer. Ms. Teel noted she thought their role was to advocate for the student and it is important when making these decisions to keep the children in mind. The Chair commented that they do have to advocate for the children and he supported the budget which had a significant increase, but it is needed since the school department has been underfunded. He noted some members are up for re-election and asked committee members to be professional and not to take on any political agendas.

The Superintendent presented the following recommendations:

A. School to Work Coordination at CHS - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY

VOTED TO APPROVE the removal of the new .64 position in the amount of \$15,818.

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B. Assistant Principal at Cumberland Hill - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-1 TO APPROVE the reduction of a .5 position in the amount of \$50,404, with Mr. Wood voting against. The Superintendent stated there would still be an administrator at Cumberland Hill.

C. Elementary - On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE closing a grade 2, 3, 4, 5 at Cumberland Hill and a grade 5 at B.F. Norton. The Superintendent noted the downward trend at Cumberland Hill.

D. Grade 6 McCourt Middle School - Ms. Teel made a motion to close 2 grade 6 at McCourt in the amount of \$108,660. Mr. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote it was VOTED 5-2 TO APPROVE the motion, with the following voting AYE: Mr. Wood, Ms. Teel, Mr. DaCosta, Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Neves; NAY: Ms. Crowley, Mr. Costa.

E. North Cumberland Middle School - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the reduction of .8 English/Social Studies and .80 Math/Science at NCMS in the amount of \$86,928.

F. Fine Arts Teacher at CHS - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a

second by Mr. Costa for discussion, it was VOTED 5-2 TO APPROVE the reduction of a Fine Arts Teacher in the amount of \$54,330, with Ms. Teel and Mr. DaCosta voting against. The Superintendent explained the newly completed art rooms will probably be needed next year for swing space, but this position will be requested in the future to meet proficiency requirements.

G. Portfolio Coordinator Secondary - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-2 TO APPROVE the reduction of the Portfolio Coordinator in the amount of \$54,330, with Ms. Teel and Ms. Crowley voting against.

H. World Language - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Neves, it was VOTED 6-1 TO APPROVE the reduction of .6 World Language at NCMS in the amount of \$32,598 and .4 World Language at MMS in the amount of \$21,732, with Ms. Crowley voting against.

I. Speech Language - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the reduction of .4 Speech Language services in the amount of \$21,732.

J. Social Worker District Wide - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the reduction of a Social Worker District Wide in the amount of \$54,330.

K. Clerical Support - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the reduction of Clerical Support for Administration, Community, NCMS in the amount of \$74,618.

L. Maintenance - Second Shift - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a

second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-2 TO APPROVE the reduction of a maintenance position in the amount of \$51,589, with Ms. Teel and Mr. Wood voting against.

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M. Teacher Assistants - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the reduction of one teacher assistant at MMS, one at CHS and one for Severe Profound at MMS in the amount of \$103,215.

The Chair declared a recess at 7:27 p.m. Open Session was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

IV. Personnel Recommendations and Recalls - The Superintendent made the following recommendations:

A. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment for the 2006-2007 school year of Jessica Macedo, with a recall to the job pool, effective 7/12/06.

B. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment for the 2006-2007 school year of Judith Redihan, with a

recall to the job pool effective 7/12/06.

C. On a motion by most of the committee, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment for the 2006-2007 school year of Stephanie Marrero, with a recall to Grade 6 Teacher at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 7/12/06.

D. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment for the 2006-2007 school year of Erin Rowe, with a recall to Special Educator at B.F. Norton School, effective 7/12/06.

E. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE rescinding the action taken by the school committee on February 23, 2006 not to renew the employment for the 2006-2007 school year of Keith Colwell, with a recall to Industrial Arts Teacher at North Cumberland Middle School effective 7/12/06.

VI. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

2. Central Administrators' Contracts

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

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Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Open Session was reconvened at 8:08 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

VII. Adjournment - On a motion by Ms. Teel, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE adjourn Open Session at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

Subject to School Committee approval